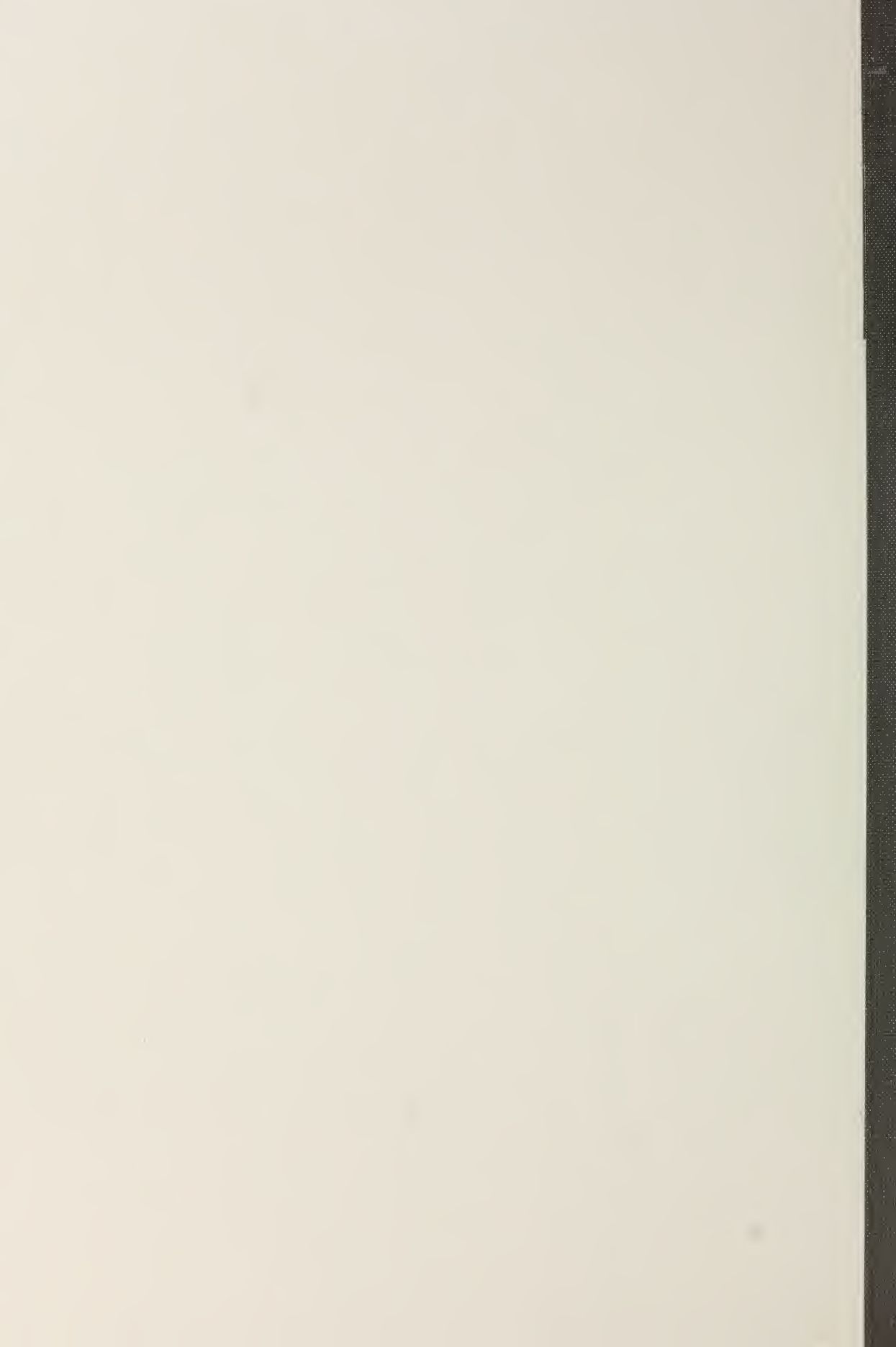


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Lawnmower Buy-Back Program

**Keep Your
Lawn Green and
the Air Clean!**



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Did You Know?

Air quality is impacted by a number of sources, including gas-powered lawnmowers. Gas-powered lawnmowers contribute to regional smog by emitting pollutants including volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Each year, residential lawnmowers emit 1,360 tons of VOCs in the Greater Chicago-land area, equivalent to 34,000 typical vehicles and 121 tons of VOCs in the Metro-East region, as much as 3,000 vehicles.



For every 1,000 lawnmowers replaced by a new electric, non-motorized or rechargeable mower, metro areas will have a reduction of 4.4 tons of volatile organic compounds in the first year alone.




What You Can Do...

The Illinois EPA is offering residents the opportunity to retire gas-powered lawnmowers with an environmentally friendly option. By bringing your gas-powered lawnmower to an Illinois EPA Lawnmower Buy-Back event, you can receive a rebate towards the purchase of a new electric, rechargeable or non-motorized mower (excluding taxes).

Costs and Benefits...

A new electric mower can cost between \$150—\$300. The retired lawnmowers will be scrapped resulting in a significant reduction in air pollution throughout the State. For every 1,000 lawnmowers replace through this program, the emission reduction will be equivalent to removing 110 vehicles from the road in metropolitan areas.



Future Lawnmower Buy-Back Events

Additional Lawnmower Buy-Back events will be held throughout the region. Encourage your friends and neighbors to take part in this great program to help reduce air pollution.

Remember to visit your local merchants to purchase environmentally friendly household products, equipment and appliances.



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friendly and energy
efficient products,
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Doing Our Part

“We are all responsible for protecting the environment, and air quality is no exception.

Through the
Lawnmower
Buy-Back
Program, we
are offering a



great incentive for citizens to improve air quality through voluntary actions. Thank you for doing your part to clean the air.”

Renee Cipriano, Director
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